Complaint against Secretary, Ministryof Information and Broadcasting

2620. DB/ BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleaSsd to refer to Unstarred Question 996 replied on the 13th November 1986 and state:

(a) whether the Swretary of the Ministry was rv,; ied to represent its views in the case filed by some Jour nalises with the Press Council of India and itva said complaint is still under the consideration of the Coun cil; and

(b) what ure the reasons for ignor ing the notice of the Press Council of India by the Secretory of the Ministry nistry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The Press Council of India had requested the Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting to appear before its Inquiry Committee either ir. person or through a duly authorised representative" to adduce such relevant evidence oral or documentary, and make such submissions as he may deem necessary in the complaint of the General Secretary Photo Journalist' Association of Bombay a?ains't the Government of India. The Deputy Principal Information Officer (Press Relations) Press Information Bureau, Government of India appeared on his behalf. The Council has not yet given a decision in this case.

(b) Does aot arise.

Production of air defence gun

2621. SHRT DINKARRAO GOVIND-RAO PATIL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE he pleased to state;

(a) whether Goverumei *t* propose to produce a sophisticated air defence gun; and

(b). if so, what are the details of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCERESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INTHE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI
- AR'UN SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Defence Research and Development Organisation has undertaken a study project for design and development of a system which would meet the futuristic requirement of an Air Defence Gun System of the Army. It is premature to give more details at this stage.

Precious Stones, Jewellery and antiques recovered in raids

2622. SHRI MUKHT. TAR SINGH MALIK: Will tbe PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 17th February, 1987 wherein it has been stated that prycious stones jewellery and dozens of antiques were recovered by Income Tax authorities during raids in Jaipur;

(b) if so_ what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any arrest has been made and action taken by Government against tho defaulters?

THE MINISTER[1] OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY. OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir, a search under section 132 of the Income-tax Act was conducted on. l. 1987 to 22. 1. 87 at the premises df two Jewellers—Shri Radheyshyam Lashkari and Shri Siitaram Lashkari. 1 he. following *prima-fatie* unaccounted assets, *inter alia* were seized: —

	Rs. in lakhs
Cash . .	8. 69
Jewellery . .	39. 00
Precious an semi precious stones	9. 74

There is*:* \o provision for arrest in the Income-tax Act 1961 for suspected' evasion of tax.

Iado-Swiss pact on deposit detail

2623. SHRI M. KADKARSHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approached the Swiss Government- for an Indo-Swiss pact on deposit details;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether in an interview published in Indo-European Affairs the
A Swiss Ambassador in Delhi said that such agreement will create a problem of precedence; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OP THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATUP. AL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No Sir.

(b) to (d) Jn view of (a) above, the' questions do not arise.

Conference of Chief Secretaries for , administrative reforms

2624. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACflALAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the administrative reforms evolved in the Conference of Chief Secretaries of the States held on 16th February 3987; and

(b) what are the reaction of the State Governments in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a> In the context of administrative re-

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forms some of the salient points made in the Conference were as follows: —

(i) It is important ithat the available resources are utilised mainly for investment in genuine development areas and not diluted by adoption Of adhoc or populist schemes. It is also necessary that continuous at. tention is given to adoption of such new technology as would give higher results at lower costs.

(ii) Steps towards revitalising the Parichayati- Raj institutions Be taken with determination ana speed. This shall involve regular elections to these bodies adequate devolution oi resources etc.

(iii) A^{s} in the Centre, the states shall also devise and establish a suitable nodal agency to monitor the machinery at different levels to redress public grievances and to take steps 1o strengthen the same.

(iv) The States shall cooperate in setting up of the special/exclusive courts for speedy trial of cases filed by CBI and the States anti-corruption agencies.

(v) The Central Government offered to make the Bench of the Central Administrative Tribunal located in a State as a common Tribunal for dealing with cases of both Central and State Government employees, on a cost-sharing basis.

Pvi> The system of reviews at the district level by Committee headed 6y the District Judge should be revived and stabilised in consultation with the Chief Justice of the High Court.

(vii) The system of inspections by supervising officers shall be further strengthened. It shall also be ensured that there is effective tonr-ing by officers at differnt levels.

' (viii) The "training of police personnel should be reoriented to cope with the change pattern of violence and new threats to Law and Order. Training should impart new skills